

(6) By the King.

# A PROCLAMATION

Declaring His Majesty's Pleasure touching His Royal Coronation, and the Solemnity thereof.

JAMES R.

Whereas We have Resolved by the Favour and Blessing of God to Celebrate the Solemnity of Our Royal Coronation, and also the Coronation of Our Dearly Beloved Consort the Queen, upon the Twenty third Day of April, being St. George's Day next, at Our Palace of Westminster. And forasmuch as by ancient Customs and Usages of this Realm, as also in regard of divers Tenures of sundry Manors, Lands, and other Hereditaments, many of Our loving Subjects do Claim, and are bound to Do and Perform their several Services on the said Day, and at the time of the Coronation, as in Times past have their Ancestors, and those from whom they Claim, have done and performed at the Coronations of Our famous Predecessors and Predecessors, Kings and Queens of this Realm: We therefore out of Our special Care for the better Government of the said Realm, and for the better Satisfaction of Our loving Subjects whom it may Concern, have thought fit to give Notice, and Publish Our Resolution therein, and do hereby give Notice of, and Publish Our Resolution: And We do hereby further Signify, That by Our Commission under Our Great Seal of Great Britain, we have Appointed and Authorized Our Right Trusty and wellbeloved Councillor Francis Lord Guilford, Lord of Rochelle, Lord High Treasurer of England, Our Right Trusty and Right wellbeloved Cousins and Councillors, Laurence Lord Rochelle, Lord High Treasurer of England, Our Right Trusty and Right wellbeloved Cousins and Councillors, Henry Duke of Northumberland, Earl of Northumberland of England, Our Right Trusty and Right wellbeloved Cousins and Councillors, James Duke of Ormond Lord Steward of Our Household, and Henry Duke of Devonshire Lord High Steward of Wales, Our Right Trusty and Right wellbeloved Cousins and Councillors, Robert Earl of Lindsey Lord Great Chamberlain of England, Henry Earl of Arundell Lord Chamberlain of Our Household, Aubrey Earl of Oxford, Theophilus Earl of Huntingdon, John Earl of Bridgewater, Henry Earl of Peterborough, Philip Earl of Chesterfield, Robert Earl of Sunderland One of Our Principal Secretaries of State, and Robert Earl of Ailesbury Our Right Trusty and Right wellbeloved Cousin, John Earl of Radnor, Our Right Trusty and wellbeloved Councillors, Lord Dartmouth Master General of Our Ordnance, Sidney Lord Godolphin, Lord Chamberlain to Our Royal Consort the Queen, and Sir George Jeffreys Knight and Baronet, Chief Justice of Our Court of Kings Bench, and Our Right Trusty and wellbeloved Sir Thomas Johns Knight, Chief Justice of Our Court of Common Pleas, or any Three or more of them, to Receive, hear, and Determine the Petitions and Claims which shall be to Them Exhibited by any of Our loving Subjects in this Behalf: And We shall Appoint Our said Commissioners for that Purpose to Sit in the Chamber of Our Palace at Westminster, upon the Twenty fourth Day of this instant March, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon of that Day, and from time to time to Adjourn as to Them shall seem meet, for the Execution of the said Commission, which We do thus Publish to the Intent That all such Persons whom it may any Ways Concern, know when and where to give their Attendance for the Exhibiting of their Petitions and Claims concerning the said Petitions before-mentioned, to be done and performed unto Us at Our said Coronation. And We do hereby Signify to all and every Our Subjects whom it may Concern, That our Will and Pleasure is, and we do hereby strictly Charge all Persons, of what Rank or Quality soever they be, who either upon Our Letters to Them directed, or by Word of Their Officers or Tenures, or otherwise, are to do any Service at the said Day or Time of Our Coronation, that they do but give their Attendance accordingly, in all Respects furnished and Appointed as to so Great a Solemnity, and Answerable to the Dignities and Places which every One of Them respectively holdeth and Enjoyneth: And of this, They or any of Them are not to fail, as They will Answer the Contrary at Their Perils, unless upon Special Reasons by Our Self, under Our hand to be Allowed, we shall Dispence with any of Their Services or Attendances.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, the Sixth Day of March, 1684. In the First Year of Our Reign.

GOD save the KING.